

**What is claimed is:**

1           1.    A structure for reducing the diffraction effect  
2    in periodic electrode arrangements, comprising:

3           a plurality of first electrodes and a plurality of  
4           second electrodes, wherein the first electrodes  
5           and the second electrodes are periodically  
6           disposed and one of the two or both are  
7           transparent electrodes;

8           multiple layers of transparent dielectric layers  
9           having different diffraction indexes, formed in  
10          predetermined thicknesses among the plurality  
11          transparent electrodes, wherein the diffraction  
12          index and the thickness of the transparent  
13          dielectric layers and the transparent  
14          electrodes satisfy the following equation:

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$$0.8 n_{ed}d_{ed} \leq n_1d_1+n_2d_2+\cdots+n_xd_x \leq 1.2 n_{ed}d_{ed}$$
  
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18          wherein  $n_1$  is the diffraction index of the first  
19          dielectric layer,  $n_2$  is the diffraction index of  
20          the second dielectric layer,  $n_x$  is the  
21          diffraction index of the  $x^{th}$  dielectric layer,  
22           $n_{ed}$  is the diffraction index of the transparent  
23          electrode,  $d_1$  is the partial or overall  
24          thickness of the first dielectric layer,  $d_2$  is  
25          the partial or overall thickness of the second  
26          dielectric layer,  $d_x$  is the partial or overall  
27          thickness of the first dielectric layer, and  $d_{ed}$   
28          is the thickness of the transparent electrode.

1           2.    The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
2   the transparent dielectric layer is silicon-rich oxide or  
3   nitride formed by chemical vapor deposition.

1           3.    The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
2   the transparent dielectric layer is titanium dioxide,  
3   zinc oxide, Cerium dioxide or zinc sulfide.

1           4.    The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
2   the transparent dielectric layer is fluorine-containing  
3   glass.

1           5.    The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
2   the transparent electrodes are ITO, IZO, AZO or ZnO.

1           6.    The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
2   the partial or overall thickness of the dielectric layer  
3   is the combined thickness of the dielectric layer and the  
4   transparent electrodes.

1           7.    A liquid crystal display device, comprising:  
2   an active matrix substrate;  
3   a second substrate, disposed opposite the active  
4        matrix substrate; and  
5   liquid crystal, filled in between the two  
6        substrates;

7   wherein the active matrix substrate comprises:  
8   a pixel comprised of a pixel electrode disposed as a  
9        matrix and a common electrode; and  
10   an switching element formed on the liquid crystal  
11       side of the first substrate, for controlling  
12       the operation of the pixel, above which a

13                   number of signal lines and scanning lines  
14                   intersect;

15                   wherein one or both of the pixel electrodes and the  
16                   common electrodes are transparent, and their  
17                   structure is as claimed in claim 1.

1                   8. The device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the  
2                   active matrix substrate is a thin film transistor matrix  
3                   substrate.

1                   9. The device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the  
2                   liquid crystal display device is a liquid crystal display  
3                   device in lateral electric field switching mode  
4                   comprising periodically-disposed electrodes.

1                   10. The device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the  
2                   liquid crystal display device is a liquid crystal display  
3                   device in plane switching mode comprising periodically-  
4                   disposed electrodes.

1                   11. The device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the  
2                   liquid crystal display device is a liquid crystal display  
3                   device in fringe-field switching mode comprising  
4                   periodically-disposed electrodes.

1                   12. The device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the  
2                   liquid crystal display device is an LCD projector.

1                   13. The device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the  
2                   liquid crystal display device is a reflective display  
3                   device.

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1           14. The device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the  
2   liquid crystal display device is semi-transparent display  
3   device.